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FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 29, 1915

Not to clear away any more forest, but to build up and improve some of the land already cleared, that is truly an occupation worthy of any man!

—Julian Burroughs.

The Non-Partisan Movement

The defeat of the non-partisan amendment in California by a small majority is properly accounted for by Governor Johnson on the theory that it, as well as the accompanying measures looking to political reforms, was somewhat in advance of the times. That is true, but it may be predicted that in the course of evolution they will find their places in the order of things. The popular tendency is in the direction of non-partisanship. It is already pretty generally installed in municipal government, and there is no good reason why it should not be installed in state and county government which has nothing to do with party issues.

It can make no difference to the people of a state, whatever their views relative to the tariff and other national issues, whether the governor of a state or any state or county officer is a democrat, progressive or republican. State officers have no more to do with such issues than bankers, butchers and carpenters.

It would be just as logical for us to refuse to trade with a merchant or to give work to a carpenter because he is not a progressive, a democrat or a republican, as to vote against candidates for municipal, county or state offices because they do not belong to the party to which we belong.

So long as we are bound by party lines in the state or the county or the city, we are restricted in our choice of officers. We cannot select the best men unless they happen to belong to our party. The question of the fitness of candidates is obscured by the party badge.

But party barriers are slowly yielding to the pressure of the increasing intelligence of voters who, though not yet willing to erase them formally, are slowly doing it privately. We believe the time will come when men will be divided politically only on questions of a national character, and that they will then be able to give a good reason for their differences of opinion—a better reason than that their fathers were members of a party whose policies have since been revolutionized.

Army and Navy Appropriations

The Republic is in full sympathy with the object of the Navy League—we think that a large majority of Americans have been converted within the year to the belief that our navy should be rapidly and greatly increased, that "the first line of defense" should be materially strengthened. But we do not believe that a majority of the American people will be content with the mere appropriation of more money for a bigger navy, but that they will first insist upon a condition precedent to larger appropriations for the navy. They will insist that the expenditure of such appropriations shall be safeguarded, as it is in Great Britain, France, Germany and all European countries except Russia, where expenditures are as loosely guarded as they are in this country.

If the Navy League desires the full co-operation of the American people to exert a pressure upon congress, it will have to clamor for something beside money. It will have to enlarge its program so as to offer a guaranty that the money will be wisely and honestly spent; that it will not be dumped blindly, as it has been in the past, into the laps of the munition makers, manufacturers of armor-plate or favored contractors.

It has been shown that the United States had for some years been appropriating as much money for the army and the navy as the first-class European powers. In 1912 we appropriated more money for naval and military purposes than Great Britain, Germany or France, when those nations must have been looking forward to the present struggle, though probably they did not expect that it would come so soon.

We do not know what the yearly appropriations of these countries for naval and military purposes were for the next three years, but ours in 1914 and 1915 were greater than those of 1912. What have we to show for our money? Where has it gone? We have not the ships and we have a pitifully small army. We can account in part for the dissipation of the army funds. In the first place, the pay of our soldiers greatly exceeds that of European soldiers, and we would not suggest that it should be reduced. Much of the money has been absolutely wasted in maintaining widely separated and useless army posts. How much, if any, has been grabbed by unwatched grafters, we and no one else have any means of knowing.

But we can offer no excuse for, and we know of no explanation of, the waste of the money that has been appropriated for the navy. The cost under

the head of "personnel" is less than half of that of Great Britain, so that a very large amount designed for the construction of ships has been squandered. We think that the people will demand an explanation and that congress will not be stampeded by the cry of national defense into neglecting provisions for the proper expenditure of larger appropriations.

We think that congress, whatever may have been its attitude in the past toward a larger army and a larger navy, will now favor both, but that it will insist that the country proceed in an orderly manner to secure them. The first thing in order is the prevention of waste. Coupled with the need of preparedness, such as would require a greater navy, there is need of an honest, systematic and business-like method of building up the navy.

A Prescott Disturbance

Prescott has a tactful police judge. He had before him the other day an aged resident of the Pioneers' Home, on the complaint of an aggrieved person, his octogenarian room-mate, who charged him with "Disturbing the peace and quiet of M. M. Gilbert by making loud and unusual noises and by tumultuous and offensive conduct and by threatening, traducing, quarreling, and by then and there applying violent and abusive and obscene epithets to the said M. M. Gilbert."

We suspect that the complaint is defective because it is multifarious. Too much has been crowded into it; two separate offenses are included. The reference to loud and tumultuous noises had to do with the unearthly snoring of the defendant which awoke the complaining witness with an impression that the last day had come and that Gabriel was summoning him to the last judgment. That may be described as the first count, and we do not think that the allegation therein, describes an act that constitutes a crime. A search by us of the statutes reveals no inhibition of the act of snoring, nor is there any restriction of the right of one to snore, though he rouse the dead.

The second count, relating to tumultuous conduct, threatening, traducing, etc., had to do with the movements of the defendant after the complaining witness had remonstrated with him by throwing the covering off his bed and polling his toes as preventive measures against overmuch snoring. The old man might have been convicted on that count, but the police judge instead of measuring the enormity of the alleged offenses, sought to reconcile the two old men, and he succeeded in inducing them to shake hands and forget it, suggesting, however, to the defendant that, in order that a recurrence of the incident might be averted, he install a muffler on his nose before retiring.

Somebody said that the Germans could better have lost an army corps than to have executed Miss Cavell. That appeared then to be a sentimental statement, but if, as is reported, her death is quickening enlistments in Great Britain, it may be the means of bringing more than one army corps into the field that would not otherwise have been there. Still, all the German army corps are well trained, while those soldiers provoked into the field by the execution of the nurse are not likely to be.

Since Porter Charlton was granted amnesty after having been convicted of the brutal murder of his wife and the concealment of her body in the waters of Lake Como, our respect for Italian justice has visibly shrunk. It is on a par with the justice of some of our states.

We should think that Great Britain would be rendered impatient by these endless notes from our government protesting against interference with our commerce. When one is busily engaged, the importunities of a squealer become very annoying.

If the Salt River Valley summer thinks it is going to be paid price and a half for overtime, according to the I. T. U. rules, it will find itself very much mistaken.

The man who thinks that there will not be a bigger crowd than ever at the state fair, is the twin brother of the man who fears that something is going to happen to next year's alfalfa crop.

We are filled with regret that our democratic brethren are unable to dwell together in unity as all the righteous ought to do.

We trust that the American cannon along the border are all heavily loaded and pointed in the right direction.

"THEY CALL ME CIRCULATION"

The following article, written by J. A. Mathews, circulation manager of the Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman, was read before the meeting: THEY CALL ME CIRCULATION— I am the powerful force behind the throne of the great power of the Press. I distribute every fact that interests, pleases, informs.

I cheer with happiness or I hurt with sadness. I cause a multitude to shout—and, again, I cause humanity to be silent.

The king, the rich man, the business man, the great common man, all are my patrons. Wireless telegraphy of all heavens, cables of all oceans, steamship lines of all waters, telegraph and telephone systems of all lands, railroads of all countries, governments of all nations, I hold at my command.

Great thinkers, diplomats, authors, artists, editors, ministers, lawyers, scientists, doctors, historians, inventors, experts and specialists obey my orders.

Mechanics, printers, typemakers, papermakers, ink-makers, photographers, operators, papermills, makers, press builders, pressmen, mailers, postmasters, mail clerks, letter carriers, agents, messengers, carriers, newsboys, all and everywhere, are at my service.

I am the judicious distribution of publicity and advertising.

I tell men, women and children of all classes and ages where to buy, what to buy, when to buy, how to buy, why to buy and from whom to buy.

—They Call Me Circulation.

Uncensored Sense and Nonsense

(By REMLIK)

O, when upon your hurried way,
You meet the genial smiling one—
Who bids you pause, the while he may
Inflict you with the latest pun—
Or spring on you a story, raw,
That you had heard from grand papa.

No matter upon what business plan,
Your thought may concentrate;
When you meet the funny story man
Your business plans must wait;
For what cares he if your business fails—
He must unload these ancient tales.

And in that place, 'way down below,
Where they live in sulphur smoke,
The story telling fiend will go—
Whenever he comes to croak.
And the pipers of Sate, who live down there
Will blow him full of his own hot air.

You know 'em—never was a place without 'em. You go across the street to avoid them sometimes. You can't be rough and shake them off—they are really somebody and they think their story is SO funny and SO new. The worst of it is that you must laugh, even if you feel like crying—they say everything the Lord made was made for a purpose and perhaps it is true—we are not supposed to look too far into those things, though.

The Serbs CAUSED the war and were the first ones whom the Austrians HATED, which they have been there ever since and are now being driven from their country—they should have gone when the going was good.

I have no ambition to be a governor, or a mayor, or to hold any other office, which who invented that recall thing anyhow?

This paper thinks capital punishment is all right and maybe it is—but I hate to think that hangin' time is coming on again for that Florence bunch—when there is a reasonable chance that they WON'T be "hanged" on agin'—off agin' business is hard on a man—changes his moods, emotions, sentiments and all that sort of thing. When you get your mind fixed on bein' hung you ought to be given your'n—that ends the uncertainty—and other things.

Now, the English have killed a flock of Germans for espionage—when you are guilty of espionage you are killed deadlier than for other things.

The reason that editors refer to themselves as "we" and "our" and "ours" is obvious—though, really, they needn't think they are so many.

If there is anything in street talk there won't be many democrats in a little while—there are no republicans now and the progressives are getting well, that'll be about all—I'm taking no chances on this censoring business myself.

I'm powerful glad that Mesa speech was fixed up all right—makes a big difference.

The City Beautiful

Ho, citizens of Phoenix,
Good people, young and old!
You have a splendid heritage—
The half has not been told:
A climate well-nigh perfect—
God has been good to you!
But do not shift the needed work
Which your own hands must do.

'Tis yours to make your city
Of all good spots the best—
The brightest and the fairest place
In all the golden West;
To set her like a jewel
In what was desert waste,
And speed her fame, and make her name
The synonym of Taste.

The formula is simple,
If you will only try:
Get up and think, and plan, and dig,
And plant and beautify!
Plant trees, where some are missing;
Plant more, where none appear;
And men will bless your thoughtful-
ness
Through each succeeding year.

Plant fruitful vines and roses,
And all the lovely flowers,
That live and grow, and thrive and bloom.
In this rich soil of ours,
To all of these give Water
From out your piteous store,
Your "inner ear" alert to hear
Their pleading call for more.

Remove the lifeless shade trees,
The old, decaying fence;
The ancient plague-spots, dark and foul,
Inviting pestilence,
Let every vacant ground plot
Receive the care it needs,
Emerging fresh from once a mesh
Of rank, unsightly weeds.

Then every man and woman,
And every girl and boy,
Will say, "This good," and hearts
Will swell

With civic pride and joy.
So, build your City Beautiful;
You'll not begrudge the price,
The pains you take your home to make
A mimic Paradise.

—Andrew Downing.

REPORT TELLS OF DEATH STRUGGLE OF CREW OF F-4

Report of the Naval Board of Inquiry Tells of Fearful Battle for Life Made by Imprisoned Crew of Sunken Submarine

WENT DOWN LAST MARCH

Battered Hulk of Ill-Fated Sub-Sea is Given Thorough Examination by the Naval Experts at Honolulu, Who Find Defects

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—A graphic story of the battle for life waged in vain 300 feet beneath the surface of the sea by the 21 men who perished in the navy's submarine F-4 last March at Honolulu is told in the final report on the loss of the vessel submitted by a board of inquiry headed by Rear Admiral Burch and made public today. Examination of the wrecked hull after it had been brought to the surface and placed in drydock convinced the board that the disaster was caused by a leak resulting from a corroded battery lining and the failure of the boat through poor diving qualities to respond promptly to the rudder change which should have returned her to the surface. Discarding the theory once advanced that chlorine gas brought quick relief in death to the crew, the board from signs within the rusted and battered hull pieced out in its report a dramatic account of how the doomed men strove desperately to save themselves as their vessel sank to the bottom. Fifteen met death in the engine room where they sought refuge at the last, six died at their posts in the flooded forward compartment. All members of the ship's company are absolved from blame in this tribute:

"From the facts established we find the accident resulting in disaster to the U. S. S. submarine F-4 on March 25, 1915, was not due to carelessness, negligence, or inefficiency on the part of the officers or the men of the vessel and that furthermore the personnel remained at their respective stations until all effective means employed to avert the disaster impending had failed and thereafter sought refuge."

After a review of all the facts established in the investigation the board states its conception of the disaster as follows:

"The primary cause of the disaster was the corroded condition of the lead lining of the battery tank and, in consequence of certain rivets in the port wall of the forward battery steel tank:

"(a) The poor diving qualities of the vessel, and (b) the consequent failure of the vessel promptly to respond to measures taken to bring her to the surface.

"Unknown to the commanding officer, the vessel acquired some negative buoyancy forward of the center of gravity, through the leaky rivet in the port wall of the forward battery steel tank.

"Water accumulated in the forward battery lead-lined tank and through corroded slip tanks, overflowed into the battery cells—in contact with sulphuric acid in the cells generating chlorine gas.

"The vessel developed a strong tendency to dive.

"Upon these intimations of danger, there followed:

"Up-rudder, but, due to the poor diving qualities of the vessel, aggravated by the additional quantity of water taken in through the port wall of the forward battery tank, vessel did not respond, but in fact, continued to descend, and downward momentum gained before propellers would stop.

"Automatic blow was tripped, and blow valve on auxiliary tank opened.

"In the endeavor to check the downward momentum maneuvering with propeller probably took place.

"The appreciable length of time requisite for air to build up in ballast tanks for the expulsion of sufficient quantities of water resulted in vessel reaching crushing depths.

"Seams of the vessels began to open—and, probably through open torpedo tubes and seams—water entered the vessel. A condition of positive buoyancy was never attained.

"There followed actual disaster: 'Vessel began filling with water; 'Personnel abandoned stations and many sought refuge in the engine room, closing its door.

"Under great pressure, engine room bulkhead failed suddenly, leaving 'Vessel on bottom, completely flooded."

From its examination of the valves of the automatic device which was set to expel water from the vessel's ballast tanks at a depth of 100 feet as required by departmental regulations, the board found that the accident which started the F-4 on her downward plunge had occurred before the 100 foot mark was reached. The most effective procedure for sending the boat to the surface was promptly carried out, diving rudders were set to send her upward, valves opened to empty the forward ballast tanks, and the electric motors started to drive her upward, all without avail.

HIGH DIVING DOGS AS STATE FAIR ATTRACTION

Ten Months' Old Pit Bull Pup to Follow in Path of World Famous High Diving Dog

Phoenix people who loved and applauded the wonderful high diving dog Queen at the first Arizona State Fair in 1912 have a real surprise coming. At least the ones who have attended this year's fair. When Queen arrived in Phoenix last January for her regular winter vacation she was accompanied by her play mate and constant companion, a little black female bear, Tonto, named after Tonto Basin. Tonto was captured in the mountains of northern Washington. Not all of Queen's admirers know that when the pair reached Phoenix Tonto was stricken with a fatal sickness caused by the constant confinement of the long trip here from North Dakota. She died a week after reaching here and from that time on Queen slowly gripped herself to death, and in spite of every care followed her little pal to the last long sleep here in the big desert country she always called home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Queen, who trained and owned both animals, have remained in Phoenix all summer. They have found time to raise and train two handsome pit bull pups, Cholla and Mesquite, by name, who will make their initial bows at the state fair this year having been contracted by Secretary Shaugnessy to perform in Phoenix all summer. They make the same kind of sensational high climb and dive that made Queen the most talked of dog in the world. Cholla is ten months old and Mesquite only six. Their grand stand each day of the fair. They make the same kind of sensational high climb and dive that made Queen the most talked of dog in the world. Cholla is ten months old and Mesquite only six. Their grand stand each day of the fair.

Queen was six years old when she died. Her gross earnings aggregated over \$13,000. She was considered the handsomest dog before the public besides having held the world's high diving record since she was ten months old. Mr. Blanchard says that if Cholla who looks a great deal like Queen will only run a good second to her he will promise not to worry about coffee and, for a few years.

It was then some members of the crew rushed into the engine room and the door of the bulkhead was closed. Fifteen bodies were found there and from this fact and the position of valves and rudders the board concluded that:

"Some member or members of the personnel were all and capable of action for at least a short time after the occurrence which led to the disaster."

The board locates the primary cause of the tragedy forward of the engine room bulkhead. In this connection, it says:

"Slip tanks and lead lining of battery steel tanks found corroded, and therefore this corrosion resulted from the chemical action of sulphuric acid upon impurities in the lead.

"Battery steel tanks in general found in excellent condition and therefore:

"The corrosion of certain rivets and areas occurred prior to March 25, 1915, the date of the disaster.

"Valves and rudders found operated; switches found thrown; engine room door intentionally closed; and therefore

"The personnel were not asphyxiated before the vessel under normal conditions could have been brought to the surface.

"Corroded rivet in port wall of forward battery steel tank, in wake of frame number 51 found to leak slightly under even a small head of water—not more than one foot—to which this portion of tank could be subjected in dock and therefore

"On the dive of March 25, 1915, this corroded rivet leaked considerably.

"Due to inevitable short circuit or heavy ground, caused by flooding of cells through slip tanks, in the presence of chlorine and free hydrogen (or, in sufficient quantity) electric arc struck, and therefore

"An explosion occurs.

"A battery fire of limited extent occurred in the forward battery positive cell, but nevertheless, this battery fire was not the primary cause of the disaster.

"Leak found in port wall of forward battery steel tank; probably leaks around certain other corroded rivets in both battery tanks; probable leak through open torpedo tubes; otherwise, no positive evidence found as to where leakage occurred; and, therefore

"The vessel began to leak through open seams when, or before, the depth of 300 feet was reached and at such a rate that the weight of water coming in was more than the weight of water being expelled from the ballast tanks and, furthermore

"Stop tanks found corroded; section pipes leading to bottom of forward battery lead lined tank found plugged with marine glue and therefore these conditions were contributory to the disaster."

The report continues: "No evidence found that the F-4 had poor diving qualities prior to her docking in February, 1915, when experimental propellers were fitted—the only known alteration made; and therefore

"The experimental propellers so substituted probably so affected the influence of the after diving rudders as to make it difficult for the diving rudderman to control the vessel; and, furthermore

"The poor diving qualities consequent upon this change of propellers were the secondary cause of the disaster.

"Air valves found open on forward main, middle main, auxiliary and after main ballast tanks, and therefore

"In the endeavor to check the vessel's downward momentum, the interval of time requisite for the expulsion of sufficient quantities of water permitted the vessel to reach crushing depths."

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Send Your "Flat Work"

TO THE LAUNDRY

You will be surprised to find how lighter your home wash will be if you send all your towels, napkins, pillow cases, sheets, table cloths, etc., to the laundry. Also you will be surprised to find how little it will cost you.

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